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DECLARATION OF YADONG HUANG UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 Address to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231	Attorney Docket	06510-121US1
	First Named Inventor	Huang et al.
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Title	Methods and Compositions for Use in the Treatment of Hyperlipidemia	

Dear Sir:

I, Dr. Yadong Huang, do hereby declare as follows:

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I am a scientist at the University of California at San Francisco. I am also the co-inventor of the above-captioned patent application. I have read and understood the Office Action of January 29, 2001.

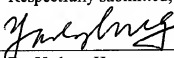
The presently pending claims have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over the publication of Huff, et al. (Arteriosclerosis and Thrombosis (1991) 11:221-233) in view of the publication of Huang, et al. (Journal of Biological Chemistry (1998) 273:26388-26393). The publication of Huang, et al. was a description, in part, of the invention conceived by myself, Dr. John M. Taylor and Dr. Robert W. Mahley, and as such, is not a publication by another. The article lists as co-authors Xiao Qin Liu, Dr. Stanley C. Rall, Jr., Dr. Arnold von Eckardstein, and Dr. Gerd Assmann, who are not named as co-inventors. Authorship of an article by itself does not raise a presumption of inventorship with respect to the subject matter disclosed in the article. Thus, co-authors may not be presumed to be coinventors merely from the fact of co-authorship.

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Only Drs. Huang, Taylor, and Mahley contributed to the conceptualization of these experiments and the formulation of the invention. The roles of the co-authors were as follows: Xiao Qin Liu provided only technical assistance in screening transgenic mice and measuring lipid levels in transgenic mice and rabbits; Dr. Stanley, C. Rall, Jr., served only as a consultant on the project; and Drs. Arnold von Eckardstein and Gerd Assmann provided some of the human plasma samples used in the study. Thus, the contributions of these four co-authors represented technical assistance, informational assistance, and assistance with obtaining materials for the study, but did not represent an inventive contribution to the subject matter claimed in the present application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: The 16th of April, 2001

Respectfully submitted,
By 
Dr. Yadong Huang